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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCO

REF: (A) STATE 048784, (B) AMMAN 1090

1. AFTER SEEING PRIME MINISTER (REFTEL B), MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TAZI AND I WERE IN TOUCH. HE WAS AWARE FROM RIFAI OF DEVELOPMENTS UP TO PRESENT (REFTEL A).

2. HE REPORTED THAT COL. KHABBAJ HAD CALLED HIM FROM TEHRAN ASKING FOR A NEW LETTER FROM JORDAN. THIS LETTER WAS TO SAY THAT JORDAN WAS READY TO RECEIVE THE ARMS TO BE GIVEN BY IRAN (16 155 MM HOWITZERS AND 6 F-5A'S PLUS MUNITIONS AND SPARES). NO MENTION WAS TO BE MADE IN THE LETTER OF MOROCCO CONTRARY TO EARLIER DISCUSSIONS. WHAT WAS IMPLIED WAS THAT WHAT JORDAN THEN DID WITH THE EQUIPMENT WAS THEN JORDAN'S BUSINESS -- I.E. TURN IT OVER TO MOROCCO. RIFAI GAVE TAZI THE LETTER, BUT SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A MONTH, AT LEAST, BEFORE THINGS COULD BE MOVED TO MOROCCO GIVEN THE US CONGRESSIONAL WAITING PERIODS INVOLVED.

3. TAZI SAID HE HAD ALSO TAKEN TO RABAT BY TELEPHONE AND THAT KING HASSAN WOULD BE SEEING AMBASSADOR NEUMANN THERE TODAY ABOUT WHAT FURTHER DOCUMENTS, ETC. WERE

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REQUIRED.

4. RIFAI AND KING LEAVING TONIGHT AND BIN SHAKER HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME AS CONTACT. GIVEN HIS KNOWN VIEWS ON THE TRANSFER AND FACT THAT HE WILL BE LEAVING FOR US IN FIVE DAYS FOR ABOUT A MONTH DO NOT REPEAT NOT EXPECT THINGS TO MOVE FAST OR EASILY FOR MOROCCO ON THIS PROJECT FROM NOW ON.

5. DEPARTMENT PASS USCINCEUR.
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